

O'SULLIVAN HEAD OF BAR ASSOCIATION

County Attorney of Yavapai New President; Members Favor Moving Supreme Court Down Town; More Stringent Meetings.

OFFICERS OF STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

President, P. W. O'Sullivan of Yavapai county.
Vice President, J. L. B. Alexander, Maricopa county.
Secretary, J. B. Nelson, Maricopa county.
Treasurer, John Mason Ross, Cochise county.
Directors: E. O. Smith, Yavapai county; Judge McAllister, Graham county; H. M. Dougherty, Maricopa county.

The annual meeting of the Arizona State Bar association was held yesterday afternoon in the superior court room. President H. B. Wilkinson called the meeting to order and delivered a few remarks on the previous meetings of the organization and the aims and objects that it was their duty to accomplish. He deplored the condition of affairs which made it no longer possible for the lawyers of the state to get together in a large number, the reason for this being given that the supreme court of the state was no longer in the habit of calling the calendar at a stated time.

A motion was introduced by J. L. B. Alexander, to the effect that a committee be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions to be presented to the families of the deceased members of the association. This resolution was adopted and the committee, composed of Judge Sloan, H. B. Wilkinson and Judge Campbell, was appointed.

Geo. A. Stoneman made a short speech in which he expressed the opinion that it would be for the best interests of the members of the bar, as well as for the public at large, to remove the supreme court to some location in the downtown portion of Phoenix. He said that it had been brought to his attention by a member of the court, and that several members of the legislature had expressed themselves as in favor of this move. On motion of Mr. Stoneman, it was decided to name a committee of two to agitate this plan, the names of the committee to be announced later.

The question of a "code commission," similar to that in other states, was then raised by Judge Frank O. Smith of Yavapai county. He explained that the duties of the commission would not be to suggest new legislation, but to correct defects and inaccuracies in the existing laws. A general discussion on this subject was engaged in, resulting in the association going on record favoring such a commission, to be composed of one superior judge, one county attorney and three members of the bar.

The election of officers concluded the meeting. P. W. O'Sullivan, county attorney of Yavapai county being elected president; J. L. B. Alexander, vice president; J. B. Nelson, secretary; John M. Ross, Bisbee, treasurer; Judge E. O. Smith, of Prescott, Judge McAllister of Graham, and M. J. Dougherty, of Mesa, were elected directors.

Remarks were made by all of the new officers. President O'Sullivan expressed himself as deeply honored by his selection to fill the office, and said that he was of the opinion the association should have a banquet every year, thus permitting the members to hear speeches by the prominent members of the bar, and promote a closer friendship among the attorneys from the different parts of the state.

COURT SYSTEM ADVOCATED BY 'THEIR HONORS'

County Judges Meet, Organize, Advise With Other Associations and Approve of Plans for Clarifying Law Book Language.

Cooperating with the county attorneys and the state bar association the superior judges of Arizona met in organization-session in the chambers of Judge R. C. Stanford at the court house yesterday morning. Arizona's northern tier of counties was heard from on the matter of systematizing dates for jury trials, and then the association proceeded to recommend many of the things that the other two organizations were working for in separate sessions. A committee waited upon the bar association with a suggestion that legislative attention be called to the errors and inconsistencies in the present statutes. And the association named in turn, a committee on legislation, composed of Judge A. C. Baker, chairman; J. L. Gust, secretary; F. O. Smith, Lyander Cassidy and C. B. Wilson, to take care of this matter.

The correction by statute, similar to that of 1907, when the laws of 1901 were made plain, will be asked of the present legislature.

Having "started something," the judges went back to their own work, and were quickly through the stages of organization. Coconino county scored another time, when Judge Fred W. Perkins of that division was made president of the league. Judge Stanford was made secretary.

Those who attended this grave conference, were: George W. Crosby, Apache; Sidney Sapp, Navajo; F. W. Perkins, Coconino; John Ellis, Mohave; Frank O. Smith, Yavapai; R. C. Stanford, Maricopa; O. J. Baughin, Pinal.

UTAH COMPLAINT IN STOCK CASE COMES UP TODAY

Big Suit Against Arizona May Follow Filing of Complaint by Attorney General of State on the North.

To investigate the complaint filed against the attorney general of Arizona by Attorney General Barnes of Utah, the state tax commission will meet with Mohave county officials and other interested parties at the Adams Hotel this morning.

The complaint, which may result in a big suit being filed against Arizona by her neighbor on the north, concerns the seizure and sale for taxes of stock, said to be owned by Utah ranchers. As reported exclusively by The Republican last week, the county assessor of Mohave county seized and sold for taxes a part of a herd of stock, which were being pastured in the region north of the Grand Canyon, and south of the Utah line. The Utah attorney general, whose complaint was filed yesterday, alleges that the stock in question was owned in Utah, and that its seizure and sale was illegal. The complaint filed with the tax commission in addition by stock owners, states that a number of the animals seized were turned out where they could not obtain adequate pasture, and are now in such a condition that it is doubtful whether or not they will survive.

Mohave county officials say that this herd is one that has been giving trouble for a number of years. It is stated that whenever the assessor attempted to list the stock in Arizona the herd would be found to have migrated to the state on the north, to return after the yearly assessment had been made. C. W. Herndon, county attorney; F. L. Hunt, assessor, and William Stevens, chairman of the board of supervisors are among the Mohave county officials here to meet with the tax commission in the matter. Assistant Attorney General George Harbin will represent the state at the hearing today, which will begin at 9 o'clock this morning.

VILLALBO SPARED FOR PARDON BOARD

Warden Sims Refuses to Execute Condemned Murderer Pending Organization of Parole Board.

Because of the failure of the board of pardons and paroles to organize, Ramon Villalbo, sentenced to hang January 8, for the murder of W. P. Brown, is still alive, and will not be executed for at least sixty days. Explanation of his conduct in not executing Villalbo on the date set was received yesterday at the Governor's office from Warden R. B. Sims of the prison.

In his letter Warden Sims states that in view of the fact that there does not exist a board of pardons and paroles, due to the fact that the third member has not yet been chosen, he believed that he was acting rightfully in not carrying out the law. He believes that Villalbo should have the same right as other

CORRECT LAWS; PUBLISH THEM SAY ATTORNEYS

Typographical Errors and Inconsistencies in Statutes Bothers of Prosecutors; C. B. Wilson Heads Association.

For a correction, rather than a revision of the state's criminal laws, the associated prosecutors of the various counties of Arizona will make a determined stand, according to the color of their plans in the organization meeting yesterday. Just exactly what sort of correction, and what other things they will ask for, will be brought out definitely today in a continuation of the meeting, when each member will present in writing the ideas he has gleaned. A committee of five will shape the demands and put them in shape for consideration by the body as a whole.

C. B. Wilson, county attorney of Coconino, and the man who has brought about the formation of an organization of his fellow prosecutors, was chosen president. Frank H. Lyman of Maricopa was made vice president, Norman Johnson of Gila county secretary-treasurer.

The publication of new laws before they go into effect will be demanded by the prosecutors. The object will be attained through a constitutional amendment, causing all laws, even when passed with the emergency clause, to be not in full force and effect until after the lawyers have had copies of them. The great trouble with Arizona's laws, according to Mr. Wilson, has been that they were not available until long after their passage, and as a result, county attorneys have been asked to bring men into court on charges based on laws nobody had ever seen in print.

"I sincerely hope that the attorneys may get together twice a year," said the president. He will work for a more frequent interchange of ideas and suggestions among the county prosecutors.

Present at yesterday's meeting, which took place at the Arizona club, were: C. W. H. Herndon, Mohave; C. B. Wilson, Coconino; P. W. O'Sullivan, Yavapai; Frank H. Lyman, Maricopa; Clyde M. Gandy, Maricopa; C. H. Coleman, Yuma; J. F. Ross, Cochise; Norman Johnson, Gila; H. G. Richardson, Pinal.

men to have his case considered by such a board, and as the law confirmed at the recent election took the matter out of Gov. Hunt's hands, he is waiting for the organization of the pardon board.

As Villalbo was not executed on the date set, he will have to be taken before Judge Baughin and re-sentenced. The county attorney has already taken action in the case, and the man will be sentenced Wednesday, unless there is some legal reason why sentence should not be passed.

HER GOWNS CREATE, A GREAT SENSATION



Miss Betty Nansen in her "Golden Gown."

ASSESSORS IN ANNUAL MEET WITH OFFICIALS

Methods of Valuing Classes of Property Considered and Some Minimum Valuations Fixed at First Day's Session.

Methods of listing and determining the valuation of all classes of property on the assessment roll were discussed yesterday when the county assessors of the state met in conference with the state tax commission. The conference, which is being held at the Adams hotel, will be continued today.

The meeting yesterday began with a discussion of the basis of valuation of irrigated lands, both in large and small projects, and closed with the consideration of the method of valuing mining supplies. During the day the officials took up the manner of assessing dry farming and grazing land, railroad and private land grants, and producing and non-producing patented mines. Relative to the latter, it was voted that the minimum assessment for lode claims for 1915 be fixed at \$25.00 per acre, or \$750 per full claim. The minimum on placer claims was fixed at \$10 per acre. It was decided to add saw mills to the abstracts.

Irrigated land, and water thereon, when supplied by private companies, were among the matters left to assessors to determine, although in this as in other cases, the commission will indicate the method to be employed. Private land grants were also left to county officials, no minimum rate per acre being prescribed. It was the recommendation of the assessors' conference that railroad grant lands be classified. It is expected that this work will be done under an agreement by which the state, county and railroad company will each pay one-third of the cost.

The conference, while divided on the question of assessment of producing mines, was of the opinion that if valuation was made on the same basis as in 1914 that it would show a decrease in return to the state. The session today will begin at 9:30 a. m.

Those here for the meeting are: C. S. Love, Apache; E. A. Hughes, Cochise; J. D. Dunn, Coconino; W. G. Duncan, Gila; J. M. Alfred, Graham; J. T. Bone, Maricopa; F. L. Hunt, Mohave; Fay Gardner, Navajo; L. E. Smith, deputy, representing John W. Bogan of Pima; George E. Truman, Pinal; Victor J. Wager, Santa Cruz; C. E. Gentry, Yavapai; A. B. Ming, Yuma; James H. Kirby, assessor of Greenlee county will arrive today to attend the conference. Charles R. Howe, chairman of the tax commission is presiding at the sessions.

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MISTER SPEED O. BAKER IS HERE FOR HOUR RACE

Winner of El Paso Road Race and Holder of Cross Country Record Arrives for Short Stay Before Long Tour on Coast

"Ah," exclaimed Erwin G. Baker, the famous motorcycle racer, as he alighted from the morning train, and with a heavy overcoat on his arm, gazed speculatively at the surrounding landscape. "This is like getting back home."

Yes, he is here—this winner of the El Paso to Phoenix race, and the holder of the transcontinental two-wheeler record—here for a short but speedy while. The hour race—Sunday's feature on the program of motorcycle sports at the fair grounds—is the reason for Mr. Baker's arrival in Phoenix at this particular time. With a string of four race horses—all of them of good Injun blood, and fast into the bargain, the winner of last winter's sixty-minute grind, will attempt to win again, and to break his former record of about 67 miles.

Although it is an important reason, the hour race is not the chief one for Baker's presence in the southwest. Over in California there is a strip of road that connects the coast with Yuma, Arizona, and it is the desire of the big fellow to familiarize himself thoroughly with that strip of road. For there are big things to happen shortly—things at which Baker maintains a poker face and says nothing. After a short sojourn here, he will mount a trusty road machine and betake himself to the long train—that will only

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end when he has conquered every stretch of road between here and Portland, Oregon—and maybe back again. For the Sunday races, the state fair mile track will be in excellent condition in spite of the rains that made all roads bad lately. No traffic has been allowed on the mile oval—not even autos or motorcycles, and the result is that things are in pretty good shape. The surface is a little crumbly, yet, but it is smooth, and that is the chief requirement. An official inspection yesterday disclosed these facts to some interested motorists.

HERE'S INFERNAL MACHINE GERMAN PLACED ON BRITISH VESSEL



Here is a picture of the infernal machine which Hans Halle, a German, placed on board a British transport loaded with mules for the French army. The machine, cleverly timed to explode outside the harbor of New Orleans, from which the vessel sailed, contained a charge of about 100 pounds of dynamite, enough to destroy a dozen ships. The machine was discovered before any damage was done, and Halle was arrested.



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